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Applicant: Jodi R. Titus et al.

Examiner: David M. Purol

Serial No.: 10/032,336

Art Unit: 3634

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: WINDOW TEATMENT PANELS

Attorney Docket: 0052718-0003

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Response to November 26, 2002 Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademark to
extend the time for reply to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2002 to 3 months from
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fee processing.

Applicants have filed a continuing application (CPA) in lieu of a reply to the
present Office Action. Applicants hereby expressly abandon the present application upon the

In re Application of **Jodi R. Titus et al.**

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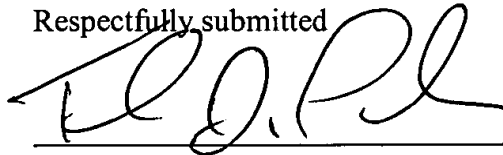
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granting of the petition for the above extension of time and granting of a filing date to the
continuing application.

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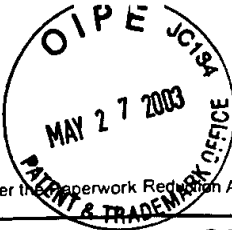
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	First Named Inventor	Jodi R. Titus
	Examiner Name	David M. Purol
	Art Unit	3634
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 10/032,336
filed on 12/21/2001, entitled Window Treatment Panels

NOTES

Filing Qualifications: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.52(b), of (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request. 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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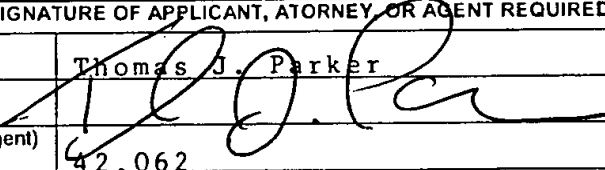
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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(B) OR (I))	-3** = 1	0	X \$ 0 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			X \$ 0 =	0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	750.00
				Total of above Calculations=	750.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				375.00
				* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue Independent claims over original patent.	TOTAL = 375.00

6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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